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SUBJECT: EASTERN PROTESTS ON APPOINTMENT OF FRG OFFICIAL
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1. AT APRIL 3 BONN GROUP MEETING, US REP MADE PRESENTATION ALONG LINES REFTTEL, STRESSING OUR VIEW THAT SUBJECT INITIATIVE GOES WELL BEYOND CURRENT HIGHLY RESTRICTIVE SOVIET INTERPRETATION ON FEDERAL OFFICES IN BERLIN AND OUR CONCERN THAT PROTESTS MAY BE PART OF POSSIBLE SOVIET CAMPAIGN ON MEANING OF "EXISTING SITUATION" IN QA. WE URGED THAT ALLIED RESPONSES BE DEVELOPED IN BONN GROUP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR TIMELY DELIVERY IN UN AND IN BERLIN AT POLAD LEVEL.

2. UK REP (CULLIMORE) SAID THAT LONDON IS TAKING VIEW THAT ANY REACTION SHOULD BE LOW-KEYED ONE, BUT DOES THINK
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IT NECESSARY TO MAKE WRITTEN RESPONSE IN UN. FRENCH REP

(BOISSIEU) INDICATED THAT FRENCH DESIRE TO ANSWER SOVIET LETTER IN UN, BUT WOULD NOT ENVISAGE RESPONDING TO OTHER EASTERN LETTERS. BOISSIEU PROPOSED MAKING SOME REFERENCE TO OTHER LETTERS AT END OF ALLIED RESPONSE TO SOVIET LETTER, STATING THAT GDR, UKRAINIANS AND BULGARIANS ARE NOT COMPETENT TO INTERPRET PROVISIONS OF QA. BOISSIEU WAS, HOWEVER, UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT AN ALLIED REACTION IN BERLIN. IN FRENCH VIEW, SUBJECT ISSUE IS RELATIVELY MINOR ONE AND THEY DO NOT THINK THAT TACTICALLY THIS IS THE CORRECT ITEM ON WHICH TO COME BACK TO SOVIETS IN BERLIN ON QUESTION OF FEDERAL PRESENCE, ALTHOUGH IT MAY INDEED BE NECESSARY TO ADDRESS SOVIETS ON THIS QUESTION IN FUTURE.

3. FRG REP (KASTRUP) SAID THAT DURING THE FIRST TNC COMMISSION MEETING NO ORAL STATEMENT WAS MADE BY GDR OR OTHER EAST EUROPEANS. CULLIMORE SAID THAT IN LIGHT OF THIS ALLIES SHOULD BE CAREFUL NOT TO RISK ESCALATION OF MATTER; HE CONCURRED WITH BOISSIEU'S VIEW AND OPPOSED MAKING ANY PROTEST TO SOVIETS IN BERLIN.

4. REPS AGREED TO REPORT VIEWS TO CAPITALS. US REP SAID HE WOULD BE DRAFTING ON URGENT BASIS SUGGESTED REPLY FOR USE IN UN WHICH WOULD BE CIRCULATED FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT BONN GROUP MEETING.
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